# PROJECTS \$0-10,000 VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION

#### **USE SOUND BUSINESS PRACTICES**

#### LET'S GET STARTED

**Sound Business Practices** means ensuring the receipt of a favorable price based on a scope of work and adhering to a Code of Conduct to avoid violating public bid laws.

### PREPARE A BIDDING PACKAGE

DHCD provides templates on its website to help you prepare a bidding package. These templates include the necessary Terms & Conditions and Forms

#### 1. The Bidding Package should include:

YOU WILL FIND THE
DOCUMENTS EASY TO EDIT IF
YOU OPEN THE TEMPLATE ON
THE DHCD WEBSITE Public
Housing Modernization,
SAVE THE DOCUMENT TO YOUR
OWN COMPUTER THEN CLOSE
YOUR BROWSER AND OPEN
THE DOCUMENT WITH YOUR
COMPUTER USING YOUR
WORD PROCESSING

□ A Scope of Work describing the LHA's needs in sufficient detail. This is accomplished by identifying particulars such as , size, dimensions, quality, performance, warranties, installation and time of contract completion. You can follow the outline provided.

For quality and performance LHAs are required to follow **DHCD's Design Guidelines & Construction Standards** which is available on DHCD's website.

- ☐ The <u>Terms & Conditions</u> <u>and Forms</u> which are necessary to meet statutory obligations and help protect the LHA if problems arise during the execution of the work. Attach these documents to the scope of work.
- ☐ The LHA must apply for <u>Mass Prevailing Wage Rates</u> regardless of the estimated cost of construction and attach a copy of these wage rates to the bid package that you give to guoting Contractors.

## OBTAIN PREVAILING WAGES

### CONTACT A CONTRACTOR

- Contact a contractor(s) for a quote based on the scope of work you prepared; Use the sample Quote Form to help obtain a price(s)
- **4. LHAs** shall <u>keep a record</u> of each such bid procedure including the name & address of the person(s) or firm(s) from whom the services were procured.

## EXECUTE A CONTRACT NEVER USE A VENDOR'S CONTRACT

- 5. Use the Owner/Contractor Agreement (Contract Form) provided in this package. The Contractor should provide a Certificate of Insurance before the LHA & Contractor enter into contract.
- **6.** Issue a **Notice to Proceed** & LHA's tax exempt number once a contract is executed by the LHA & Contractor.